

Amendments to Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method of cleaning teeth comprising (a) providing a brush that comprises bristles that are prepared from a composition comprising a thermoplastic polymeric resin in admixture with a slip agent to improve cleaning efficacy of the bristles of the brush contacting said teeth, wherein the slip agent is one or more members of the group consisting of a fluorinated olefin polymer, boron nitride, molybdenum disulfide, and fullerene; and (b) applying the brush to the surface of one or more teeth to clean the teeth.

2. (Original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein step (a) comprises a step of selecting as the thermoplastic polymeric resin one or more members of the group consisting of polyamide, polyester, polyolefin, fluoropolymers, polyurethane, polyvinylchloride, polyvinylidene chloride, and styrenic polymers and copolymers.

3. (Original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein step (a) comprises a step of selecting as the thermoplastic polymeric resin a polyamide.

4. (Original) A method according to Claim 3 wherein the polyamide is nylon 6,12.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein step (a) comprises a step of selecting as the slip agent polytetrafluorethylene.

7. (Original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein step (a) comprises a step of preparing a composition that comprises the slip agent in an amount of about 0.5 or more, and yet about 10 or less, weight percent based on the total weight of the composition of polymer plus slip agent.

8. (Original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein step (a) comprises a step of providing a brush on which the bristles extend out from a planar surface.

9. (Original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein step (a) comprises a step of providing a brush on which the bristles extend radially out from a central axis in multiple directions toward a circumferential perimeter about the central axis.

10. (Original) A method according to Claim 9 wherein the bristles are clasped by a twisted wire.